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Patent Application of

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Application No. 09/827,834

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"COMPOSITIONS FOR REDUCING HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA AND CONTROLLING OF POSTPRANDIAL BLOOD GLUCOSE AND INSULIN LEVELS"

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, reconsideration on the merits of the Application, and allowance of the claims. This Response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, a petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fees. Also transmitted herewith, and incorporated herein by reference, is a Declaration of Jeffrey John Kester under 37 C.F.R. §1.132.

Please amend the subject Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 17-22 and 24-26 without prejudice.

Please cancel claims 8, 12, and 14 without prejudice.